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Applicant(s): Nicholas et al.

Examiner: Gary Jackson

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Group: Art Unit 3731

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Dated: February 16, 2006

For: ANASTOMOSIS INSTRUMENT AND METHOD

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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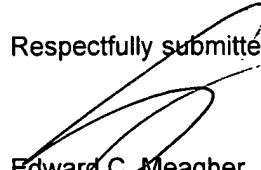
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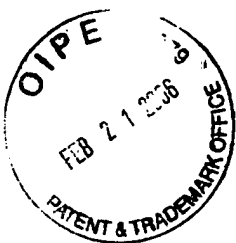


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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 27, 2005, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.